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CONGRESS AND ANTI-TRUST LAW AMENDMENT.

The report of the Senate Judiciary Committee on the civic federation anti-trust bill clearly indicates that Congressional opinion has not sufficiently developed to make it possible to lay a course which shall be followed in this matter. For once, Congress is in line with the country's opinion. It doesn't happen so often as might be desirable.

The Judiciary Committee points out that the amendments asked by the federation would tend to place in the hands of the executive an immense power of determining governmental policy toward great aggregations of wealth and enterprise. It would enable the President, through his Bureau of Corporations, to classify trusts as good and bad, and deal with them accordingly. To do this by legislation has thus far been impossible. The anti-trust law now in effect is perhaps too sweeping and inclusive; but how to amend it without destroying it has not been made clear by any of the doctors of law.

The reason for this uncertainty is simple. Trusts are both good and bad. The same trust may be both good and bad, and frequently is. It is good, to the extent that by concentration of management and expansion of the units of productive energy, it is able to decrease the cost of production. It is bad when it suppresses freedom of industrial and commercial operation. It looks good to the people who benefit in getting its cheapened products; it looks bad to the weaker rivals who are unable to meet its more vigorous competition.

The question which has not been decided in the public mind or in the legislative mind, is which overweighs, the good or the bad. In some cases, doubtless, one, and in some the other. But how to define and limit the activities of great corporations so as to suppress the bad and promote the good; and how to compensate the unfortunate victims who suffer by the activities even of the best trust—these are questions as much social as legal, and neither the sociologists nor the lawyers have been able to give answer to them as yet.

No single piece of legislation is going to solve this question. Neither will one decade solve it. It reaches to the roots of modern social organization. It is as old as some 6,000 years of recorded history, and is likely to continue as long as the race goes on making history in the future.

IT IS A KIND OF HEROISM THAT COUNTS?
It may seem iconoclastic of the worst sort to take the slightest exception to the laurel that has been placed on the head of Captain Seely, of the sunken steamer Republic, because he stuck by the vessel until she sank, narrowly escaping with his own life. Nevertheless, we are impelled to do it as irresistibly as David Copperfield was driven to ask Peckgott, "Dead, Mr. Peckgott?" and to which the invariable reply was "Drowned."

Everyone can understand—or at least we think we can understand—the spirit that prompts the commander who has fought his ship through a bloody battle and has met defeat to prefer to sink with her rather than to surrender. Everyone can understand the desire of the master of a great ocean liner which has been wrecked by some error of his own to expiate his fault with his life and to go down to become—
Food for the shark and the conger eel.
But when there is an accident like that on the Republic, for which the captain maintains he is in no sense to blame; when he has behaved with admirable courage and presence of mind in removing every living soul from the vessel, and when there is nothing he can possibly do to help keep his ship afloat, the question arises whether he adds to his reputation for courage or for good judgment in staying aboard until he is washed off by the sea.
If the captain goes so far as to drown, that would be a course of action which, though we might not commend it, we could see in it a certain amount of logic. But why the master of a ship should stay aboard until the vessel sinks and then scramble for dear life beyond us. He ought to be of some account to hundreds of persons who have been taken off his boat and who do not know where to turn. There are certain duties to the living that he ought to perform. It is a question in our mind whether he would not be showing a braver front if he faced all his passengers and advised and helped them in their trouble than he did by taking his salt dip and then swimming for dear life until picked up.

The best argument for the captain's course is it sets an example which may be of value. Sailors should be ready to meet death when called upon. If the custom of the captain remaining on board as long as there is a deck to stand on or a piece of rigging to cling to inculcates the lesson of devotion to duty or readiness to make any sacrifice for the safety of the human cargo entrusted to the care of the men who go down to the sea in ships, it is worth while. If not, is it not a kind of heroism that might properly be omitted?

ELKS BIG MINSTREL BEGINS TOMORROW
Final Dress Rehearsal Shows Great Talent Among Cork Faces.

An old-time minstrel show, with plantation songs, ragtime, bones, and buck and wing dancing, will be presented Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights by Washington Elks in Elks Hall in H street northwest. The final dress rehearsal shows the aggregation of cork faces to be amateurs in name only. Practically every seat has been sold for the first two nights. Wednesday night has been set apart for the Elks and their own friends, when the olio will be supplied by professional performers.

Real Comedians.
The Elks' Mammoth Minstrel show boasts four real comedians in their end men, Messrs. Frank Rebeck, Andrew J. Cummings, James A. Balderson, and John J. Gorman.

The following well-known Elks will participate: Dana C. Holland, inter-locutor; Charles E. Myers, Edward P. Schwartz, John R. Purvis, Roland R. Rodrick, Frank Rebeck, J. Cummings, John J. Gorman, Conrad Hoffman, Patrick J. Coffey, James M. Dunn, Joseph H. Wood, John C. Wood, James A. Balderson, B. F. Sauter, Frank B. Swart, Albert S. Smith, Frank Pierce, C. E. Bright, Thomas A. Murray, Walter J. Tharp, C. C. Cole, Herman Richards, George Ackman, Allen Hollander, William B. Dawson, and Charles E. Hoffman.

The solo work is in the hands of Dana C. Holland, bass; Charles E. Myers, tenor; Edward P. Schwartz, tenor; John R. Purvis, baritone; Roland R. Rodrick, baritone; and Thomas A. Murray, bass. Prof. George Herbert Wells plays the accompaniment.

In the Olio.
In the olio appear Dr. Gibson, with his famous dancing dolls, who sing and hit about the stage in stunning songs; Peter Becker, a boy singer; W. P. Jones, in feats of legerdemain; Joe Fulkerson, in a chess talk; the Holt Musical Club, and the Marine Band, which assuredly will be one of the big hits.

The following constitute the committee of arrangements: Fred J. Mersheimer, chairman; Edward N. Bowdler, secretary; Thomas A. Murray, treasurer; Lloyd B. Brooke, James M. Dunn, Walter J. Tharp, Dana C. Holland, Frank Rebeck, Thomas A. Murray, J. Cummings, B. F. Sauter, Joseph H. Wood, Conrad Hoffman, Edward P. Schwartz, and John B. Maxwell.

INDIANS IN DISPUTE TALK FIGHT, 'TIS SAID
Rumor of Statesmen Being in Close Proximity to Combat.

When is a friendly argument not a friendly argument and why should nations anticipating thereon find themselves qualifying for the Williams-De Armond finale?

Representative Timothy T. Ansberry and William A. Ashbrook, both of Ohio, gazed abstractly out of their respective windows this morning and asked themselves this question. Each had arisen to find himself grown famous over night because of a reported wordy war and near fist fight on the floor of the House late yesterday.

Intimate Denial.
Having intimated that deponents deny the entire affair, so far as its seriousness is concerned, it behooves the chronicler to tell the truth about the matter. Explanations later.

"The said that but few heard the reported difficulty. Anyway, Mr. Ashbrook and Mr. Ansberry are said to have been sitting over on the Democratic side right across the aisle from each other, and to have been talking to each other in a friendly way."

"There's not a word of truth in that," Mr. Ansberry was heard to exclaim with sudden emphasis.

"I am not in the habit of having my word questioned," replied Ashbrook. "I am said to have emphasized the point by gently massaging the desk with his fist."

The House paid but little attention to the disturbance probably thinking that it was but one J. Wesley Gaines preparing to make an anti-trust speech. "Come out in the Capitol grounds, if you want satisfaction there is the place to get it," Ansberry is said to have retorted at the moment of his departure.

As the gentlemen wanted places on the "Politico Grounds," Committee members must admit that it was entirely appropriate that the affair should be settled on public land.

Friends are said to have intervened at this juncture, however. Kindly hands and kind words were used to go in the corridor where the air was cool and other kind hands persuaded Mr. Ashbrook to remain in his seat, and to get to the call of duty, the roll call.

MISS GODOY AND HER GUESTS ENTERTAINED AT LUNCHEON
Minister From Haiti and Mme. Leger Hosts at Legation.

ATTEND A BENEFIT GIVEN IN NEW YORK
The French Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand Return After Brief Trip.

The Minister from Haiti and Mme. Leger entertained a party at luncheon today at the legation, on Rhode Island avenue, in honor of Miss Godoy, daughter of the Charge d'Affaires of Mexico and Mme. Godoy, and her house guests, Miss Lazo and Miss Canalis, of New York, and Mme. Leger's brother, the consul general of Haiti in New York, Mr. Cesvet.

The French Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand, who went to New York to attend the benefit function given there last evening by the French Society of New York, will return to Washington at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Louise McDermott to Clarence A. Luthieum, Saturday, January 30, 1909, the Rev. F. D. Power, of the Vermont Avenue Christian Church, officiating.

Upon their return from a brief wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Luthieum will be at home, at 216 First street.

Miss Struble, superintendent of nurses of the George Washington University Hospital, will act as hostess tomorrow afternoon, for the Columbian Women, at their informal tea, at 1536 I street.

Captain Evans entertained a party at luncheon at the Chevy Chase Club yesterday.

The Assistant Attorney General and Mrs. Woodruff were hosts at dinner last evening in honor of their house guest, Mrs. William Henderson, of Philadelphia.

Mme. Ali Kuli Khan, wife of the Persian consul, will give the fourth of her lectures tomorrow afternoon in the home of Miss Boardman.

Miss Crenshaw has sent out cards for a bridge party, February 5, complimentary to Miss Barbara Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Syme's Dinner.
Mr. and Mrs. Conrad H. Syme were hosts at dinner last evening in compliment to Miss Wyndham Rosser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Dennis, and her fiancé, Charles Nelson Riker, of Kentucky, whose marriage takes place tomorrow evening.

The other guests were Miss Anne Rosser, cousin and house guest of the hostess; Miss Vera Vaughan, Miss McNamara, Lester Riker, brother of the bridegroom; Robert Sausley, of Kentucky, and Dr. Robert Rosser, brother of the bride-elect.

Miss Mary Len Holt, of Ontario, entertained a small party at dinner last evening in honor of Major and Mrs. Webster, of the Westmoreland.

Mrs. Katie Wilson-Green will entertain a party at dinner in her home, 1126 Sixteenth street.

Mr. and Mrs. Conquest Clarke will entertain a party at dinner this evening.

Miss Eva C. Barrows is arranging a musicale and literary entertainment to be given at the Church of Our Father, at the corner of the Plaza and A streets, for the benefit of the church, Friday evening, February 5, at 8 o'clock.

Among those on the program will be Miss Katherine Bates, Miss Edna Barrows, Miss Mabel Blanchard, Miss Frances Evans, Miss Albee Truman, and Miss Gordon.

Refreshments will be on sale and a silver offering will be taken at the door.

Among those from Washington stopping at the Hotel Rudolph, Atlantic City, are Mr. and Mrs. M. E. M. E. Hollander, and Mark Lansbury.

Dance at Rauscher's.
Mrs. Boyd, wife of Medical Director John C. Boyd, U. S. N., has issued cards for a dance at Rauscher's Wednesday evening, February 10, in honor of her daughter, Miss Alice Boyd.

Lieut. D. D. Tompkins, of the Tenth South Carolina Cavalry, and Mrs. Tompkins and their daughter, Margaret, are the guests of Mrs. Tompkins' parents, Gen. and Mrs. G. S. Grimes, 183 Nineteenth street.

Mrs. Marcus A. Hanna entertained a party at dinner last evening in her apartments on Sixteenth street. Covers were laid for eighteen.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harlow were among the dinner hosts of last evening, entertaining in honor of Brigadier General and Mrs. Duval.

Miss Gladys Gittings, who has been the guest of Gen. and Mrs. Harlow for the last few days, has returned to her home at Ashburn, near Baltimore.

WIFE OF THE NEW DANISH MINISTER IS WELCOME ADDITION TO CAPITAL SOCIETY.
Countess Moltke, wife of the new Danish minister, is a welcome addition to the large contingent of American hostesses presiding over diplomatic establishments in Washington.

During the recent visit of the Earl and Countess of Granard to Washington, Countess Moltke was among those entertaining the distinguished visitors, giving a luncheon in honor of Lady Granard at the legation on upper Sixteenth street.

Countess Moltke is a strikingly beautiful woman, and is always a conspicuous figure at any social function.

AT HOMES
Mrs. Ridgely and Miss Ridgely, wife and daughter of the former Controller of the Currency, will receive Saturdays in February in the old home of Mrs. Ridgely's mother, Mrs. Deering, on Q street.

Mrs. Walter E. Hilton will receive Saturday, February 6.

Mrs. John P. McGraw will receive at the Roland from 3 to 6 o'clock on Mondays, February 1 and 15, assisted by Mrs. William M. Bunker, of San Francisco; Mrs. Julia Dumont Gordon, Mrs. George Coles, of New York, and Miss Anna B. Brown, of Winchester, Ind.

The following ladies will receive tomorrow at Congress Hall: Mrs. De Armond, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Underwood, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Shackelford, Mrs. Hinchey, Mrs. Burnett, Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Adair, Mrs. Madison, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Kiphan, Mrs. Adamson, Mrs. Pollard, Mrs. Lenahan, Mrs. Ashbrook, Mrs. Macon, Mrs. Griggs, Mrs. Sturges, Mrs. Larrinaga, Mrs. Hackney, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Willett, Mrs. McLean, Mrs. Rosenberg, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Davenport, Mrs. Ferris, Miss Sudloway, Miss Dennetson, Miss Hanger, and the Misses Kusterman.

Mrs. W. A. Sholes will be at home the first and second Mondays in February from 3 to 6 o'clock.

Mrs. Robert L. Taylor will receive Thursday at Stoneleigh Court, assisted by the young women from Tennessee who are attending school at Belmont, Fairmont Seminary, and Hamilton Institute.

Mrs. Thomas A. Doherty will receive the first two Fridays in February, at 141 Belmont road.

Mrs. Ten Eyck Wendell will receive Saturdays in February.

Mrs. Long, wife of Senator Long, will be at home at 145 Massachusetts avenue, Thursday, February 4, to the Kansas living in Washington. Assistant Mrs. Long will be the members of the Kansas delegation, and the young women of Kansas who are attending school here.

Mrs. William Graeme Harvey, Jr., will receive the second Monday in February, at 1817 S street.

Mrs. Theodora North-McLaughlin will receive Wednesday, February 10, from 3 to 6 o'clock, assisted by Mrs. J. B. North, Jr., of Snow Hill, Md., and Miss Harmonson, of Berlin.

OIL KING SETTLES.
TOLEDO, Ohio, Jan. 31.—John D. Rockefeller, late owner and Frank Burt, late lessee, of the Panol Theater, at Lima, Ohio, have settled for \$2,500,000 damages action brought by Eva E. Gibson, in which she alleged injuries through breaking of a theater seat.

JOHN J. CROWLEY'S DAUGHTER IS DEAD
Funeral of Girl Will Be Held From House Tomorrow Afternoon.

After an illness of ten days, Alice Margaret Crowley, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Crowley, 235 East Avenue, died early this morning. The funeral will be held from the home tomorrow afternoon.

Representative Ashbrook glanced quickly at his secretary and the secretary looked the same way at Mr. Ashbrook, who was in the room with him, and both laughed.

"How did that report get out?" asked Mr. Ashbrook. "Well, I did have a little argument, and I presume it was rather spirited, but so far as the substance of the matter is concerned, it is too exaggerated to deny. Ansberry and I walked out of the chamber to another room where we continued our conversation."

"Really, however, the affair wasn't nearly so serious as the reports have it," Ansberry and I are good friends. We concluded our argument, and everything now is all right."

READY TO RECEIVE A SILVER SERVICE
Scout Cruiser Birmingham, Now at Mobile, Will Go to Colon.

MOBILE, Ala., Jan. 31.—The scout cruiser Birmingham, under command of Captain Walling, that is in the lower bay here awaiting a silver service from the people of Birmingham, is expected to make a record run to Colon to convey Mr. Taft home.

The presentation party will be entertained at dinner by the officers on board. The speech of presentation will be made by Mayor George B. Ward, of Birmingham. Lieut. Gov. Henry B. Gray will also make an address.

The service consists of a massive silver bowl, ladle, and twenty-four cups, making in all 1,000 ounces of silver. The engraving is a fine likeness of the steel plant at Ensley.

CONTRACT RELATIONS WITH GOD, SUBJECT OF A FORCEFUL ADDRESS.
FIRE RESOLUTION HAS BEEN VETOED

Mayor Paff Calls Council in Special Meeting Tomorrow Night.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ALEXANDRIA, VA., JAN. 31.
Judge William Hodges Mann, of Notoway, Va., who is a candidate for the nomination for governor of Virginia by the Democratic party, delivered an address in Alexandria this afternoon at the Young People's building, in South Washington street, the occasion being the regular meeting for men.

The auditorium in the building was crowded to its utmost capacity. The judge in his address did not touch on politics at all, but devoted his talk entirely to his subject, which was "Man's Contract Relations With God."

The address was both forceful and logical, and was highly appreciated. Mrs. Thomas A. Hulth sang a solo during the afternoon, which was much enjoyed.

William Whalen was this morning arrested by Policeman Sherwood on complaint of David Fewell, who alleges that Whalen assaulted him near the corner of King and Payne streets. The alleged assault is said to have occurred last Tuesday night. Whalen will be given a hearing before Justice Caton in the police court tomorrow morning.

R. E. Lee Camp, Confederate Veterans, will hold a meeting at their hall in Prince street tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. This committee having in charge the banquet given on Lee's birthday will make their reports.

Candlemas Day will be celebrated at St. Mary's Catholic Church here next Tuesday, February 2. The Rev. Father Kelly, the assistant pastor, will sing a mass of requiem. Burial will be in the cemetery.

The Rev. Joseph R. Sevier delivered an interesting sermon at the Second Presbyterian Church this morning, taking for his subject "The Consecrated Service." This evening Mr. Sevier will take for his subject "The Evidences of the New Birth."

The funeral of James W. Woods will be held from St. Mary's Church tomorrow morning, at 9:30 o'clock. The Rev. Father Kelly, the assistant pastor, will sing a mass of requiem. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

The funeral of William A. Kettland was held from his home in South Royal street this afternoon, and was largely attended. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. John Cavanaugh, of the Episcopal Church. Burial was in the Methodist Protestant Cemetery.

The funeral of Charles P. Price was held from the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Potomac, Va. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Bell, and were attended by a delegation from Potomac Lodge of Odd Fellows of this city, of which Charles was a member. The burial was made in Ivy Hill Cemetery.

The Rev. W. F. Watson occupied the pulpit at the First Baptist Church this morning, and delivered an instructive sermon, taking for his subject, "The Philanthropy of Jesus." This evening Mr. Watson will take for his theme "The Great Admonitions."

Mayor Paff has issued a call for a special meeting of the city council tomorrow evening, when one resolution passed at the last meeting of the council relating to the powers of the chief of the fire department and the board of fire wardens, in case of fire, will be returned with the mayor's veto.

Mr. Vernon Council, Daughters of America, will pay a fraternal visit to Mr. Vernon Council of the District of Columbia tomorrow evening. The Alexandria delegation will leave on the 7:30 o'clock train.

At Christ Protestant Episcopal Church this evening the Rev. William J. Morton will preach, taking for his subject, "A Perfect Man."

The Rev. J. W. R. Sumwalt, district superintendent, occupied the pulpit at Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church this morning and delivered an interesting sermon.

On Monday evening, February 15, Alva Aeris, Order of Eagles, of this city, will give an oyster roast at the Ramblers' Club.

The Young Men's Sociality League will meet at their hall in Duke street next Tuesday evening, after which an oyster roast will be held.

The doors of Armory hall will be thrown open tomorrow evening, and the Rev. Father Kelly, of the Episcopal Church, will deliver a sermon. The address will be delivered by Judge R. T. Duke, of Charlottesville. The proceeds from the fair will go toward helping to erect a Masonic temple in Alexandria.

The Civic Improvement League will meet tomorrow evening in the rooms of the phylanthropic fund of the Council of Jewish Women, at the Mercantile Club, Tuesday, February 2, at 2:30 p. m.

A whist and lotto party will be given by Mrs. Benjamin Held for the benefit of the phylanthropic fund of the Council of Jewish Women, at the Mercantile Club, Tuesday, February 2, at 2:30 p. m.

Mrs. I. Rothchild, of Philadelphia, who was the guest of Mrs. H. Kaufman, of Columbia road, has returned to her home.

Mrs. A. Powdermaker has as guest her sister, Mrs. Lewis, of New York.

Miss Clarice Gunst, of Richmond, Va., is a guest of her brother, Sydney Gunst.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Strasburger are spending a few weeks in Florida.

Mrs. Sol Herzog has returned home from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Morris Gans, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Miss Della Fishel has returned home after a visit to the Misses Adair, of Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Scheuer, of Newark, N. J., is visiting Mrs. A. King.

Mrs. George Strasburger and Miss Planché Strasburger are visiting in New York.

PEACH CROP ALARMS
GET AN EARLY START

Fruit Growers in Ohio Claim Cold Wave Has Frozen the Buds.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Jan. 31.—Fruit growers throughout Ohio today claim that the peach crop for the year will be a minus quantity, owing to the severe cold wave which swept across the State the past few days. Nearly every township reports that buds are badly frozen.

The Elbertas and Smocks, the heaviest bearing crops are the ones which seem to be most affected.

CHINAMAN RECAPTURED.
WILKESBARRE, Pa., Jan. 31.—Soo Hoo Doo, a Chinaman, who escaped from the court room yesterday a few minutes after a jury had found him guilty of burglary, was captured this morning. Troopers of the state constabulary found him hiding at the home of his American wife six miles from this city.

COUGHING SAVES THEM.
ALTOONA, Pa., Jan. 31.—Had it not been for a severe coughing spell caused by gas and smoke, the family of Fillmore Crownover would have been suffocated early today, when a lamp exploded and set fire to the house.